

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

June 7, 2005

5:15 PM

Chairman Sysyn called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Sysyn, Guinta, Smith, Forest, O'Neil

Messrs.: T. Lolicata

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Communication from Thomas Lee, Regan Communications, requesting the use of the Arms Park Lot on Saturday, July 16, 2005 from 11 AM until 7 PM for a free family-focused event sponsored by Dunkin' Donuts.

On motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Forest it was voted to approve the use of Arms Park on Saturday, July 16 from 11 AM until 7 PM.

Chairman Sysyn advised that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed as follows:

NO PARKING LOADING ZONE (8AM-10PM MON-FRI)

On Merrimack St., north side, from a point 135 feet west of Chestnut St. to a point 115 feet west
Alderman Guinta

RESCIND NO PARKING LOADING ZONE (8AM-5PM MON-FRI)

On Merrimack St., north side, from a point 135 feet west of Chestnut St. to a point 115 feet west
Alderman Guinta

NO PARKING

On Goffstown Rd., north and south sides, from the east property line of 690 Goffstown Rd. to the east property line of 474 Goffstown Rd.
Alderman Forest – Emergency Act

On Jackson St., north side, from a point 90 feet east of Mast Rd. to a point 65 feet easterly
Alderman Smith

On S. Porter St., north and south sides, from S. Porter St. to the dead end (cul de sac)
Alderman DeVries

On Tarrytown Rd., east side, from Lake Ave. to a point 160 feet south
Alderman Osborne – Emergency Act

NO PARKING (8AM-5PM MON-FRI)

On Michigan Ave., east side, from London St. to a point 115 feet south
Alderman Sysyn

STOP SIGNS

On Laydon St. at Woodland St., nec, swc
On Laydon St. at Cody St., nec, swc
Alderman Osborne

On Greenview Dr. at Golfview Dr., sec
Alderman Forest

RESCIND PARKING 30 MINUTES (12PM-9PM MON-SAT)

On Cartier St., east side, from Amory St. to a point 90 feet north (Ord. #6394)
Alderman Thibault

PARKING 2 HOURS (8AM-6PM)

On Calef Rd., east side, from Baker St. to a point 30 feet north
Alderman Garrity

PARKING 1 HOUR (8AM-6PM)

On Prescott St., north side, from Maple St. to a point 110 feet west
Alderman Shea

NO PARKING (10PM-7AM DAYS)

On Smyth Lane, south side, from a point 140 feet west of Mammoth Rd. to a point 300 feet west
Alderman Gatsas

RESCIND NO PARKING (10PM-7AM 7 DAYS)

On Smyth Lane, south side, from a point 140 feet west of Mammoth Rd. to a point 170 feet west (Ord. #8822)

Alderman Gatsas

CROSSWALKS

On Tarrytown Rd. south of Nelson St.

Alderman Osborne

On Elm St. South of Brook St.

Alderman Guinta

Alderman O'Neil moved to approve the Traffic Department agenda. Alderman Forest duly seconded the motion. Chairman Sysyn called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Discussion regarding Snow Emergency Beacons.

Tom Lolicata, Traffic Director, stated my understanding is that we have \$22,000 in CIP and I believe the Board is aware of this but they wanted to pass it through the Traffic Committee. I am trying to figure out if it has actually passed.

Alderman O'Neil stated we funded it but I guess technically it has to be voted on in this Committee.

Alderman O'Neil moved to approve the installation of the snow emergency beacons. Alderman Guinta duly seconded the motion.

Alderman O'Neil stated I know there was some discussion about what the proper color lens will be. Has there been some conclusion on that?

Mr. Lolicata stated I was talking to Jim Hoben and we have checked with a couple of cities. We are leaning toward one of two colors. Right now it is either blue or white but we are going to see if there are other colors involved. We are trying to stay from the amber, red and green because of the signals but depending on where these will be situated, the inside of the mast or the outside, I think those are the two colors we are looking at right now.

Alderman O'Neil stated I think Newburyport has blue if I recall. It needs to be something that stands out. I think white...

Mr. Lolicata interjected we have to think of daytime and the snow and the contrast.

Alderman O'Neil stated right it needs to be something that stands out.

Alderman Osborne stated I have a recommendation. I thought that amber was good but I prefer white. I think blue stands out like police like the red ones for fire. I think it is kind of a Catch-22 here with a blue light like is it a cruiser going for the intersection or a snow emergency. I think white would work. It is a strobe – a large strobe and I think it will show up quite well. White is the color of snow so...

Mr. Lolicata interjected right now I am just telling you the two colors we have come up with but personally you have to start thinking about a contrast so people will pick up on it. If you are going to go amber, Jim and I will look into it and see if other towns or cities utilize it but I am thinking more daytime than I am at night believe it or not. That is when people will have to see it.

Alderman O'Neil stated I just asked Alderman Garrity because I know he does some work up in Burlington and mentioned that they have them there and he said they are red in Burlington, VT. I know in Newburyport because I have family there they are blue. You want something that stands out and is different than what the public would normally see in my opinion.

Chairman Sysyn called for a vote on the motion to approve the installation of the snow emergency beacons. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

TABLED ITEMS

6. Communication from Alderman O'Neil relative to installation of traffic signs in residential neighborhoods.

This item remained on the table.

7. Discussion relative to Enhanced State 911 System.

This item remained on the table.

Alderman O'Neil stated I know there was a committee working on Item 6. Have they progressed at all and will they be reporting back at all. Tom, I know you were part of that Committee and Lt. Valenti was as well.

Mr. Lolicata responded we are waiting for Mr. MacKenzie. I guess we will be coming back once we have everything together for you.

Alderman O'Neil stated also I spoke to Chief Kane who had some surgery regarding Item 7. He didn't have all of the information. I guess he was starting to get some information back from the state. That may be more appropriate for a September discussion or something like that. The Chief is continuing to work on it.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Guinta it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee